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PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement adopted by the member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in New York on the situation in Sanjak in former Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

I shall be grateful if this statement is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement adopted by the member States of the Organization of
the Islamic Conference in New York on the situation in Sanjak
in former Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

The member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference express their grave concern at the ongoing violations of human rights occurring in Sanjak, particularly acts of physical harassment, abductions, torture, the burning of homes, warrantless search, the closure of political parties, and other inhuman and discriminatory practices being carried out against the indigenous Bosnian Muslim population of Sanjak, which are aimed at changing the ethnic structure of Sanjak as referred to in General Assembly resolution 48/153.

The member States of the OIC are extremely alarmed by the very recent arbitrary arrest, detention and torture of over 150 Muslim civilians and political leaders, including SDA (Party for Democratic Action) officials and members of the Montenegrin Parliament.

The member States of the OIC condemn the ever-intensifying policy of repression and ethnic cleansing against the Bosnian Muslim population of Sanjak by the Serbian-Montenegrin political, military authorities, and parliamentary formations.

The member States of the OIC stress that the extremely explosive situation in Sanjak creates an atmosphere of imminent danger of a spillover of the armed conflict to other parts of the Balkans.
